



“Tuesdays” with Pastor Jake

Where Theology Touches Life

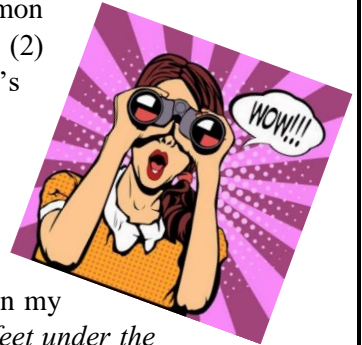
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A Biblical Worldview

Everyone has one.

It may not be well articulated, but all of us have tried to make ‘sense’ out of the world in which we live and of our place in it. The attempt to make sense out of the world usually revolves around three very common questions, which frame a basic “101” course in Philosophy: (1) Where did I come from? (2) Why am I here? (3) Where am I going? Giving answers to those questions help form a person’s basic ‘World View.’ And the way a person ‘looks’ at life will impact and influence the way they live....it is inescapable.



Take for example, the words of Macbeth when he said, *“Life is a tale told by an idiot, full of sound and fury, signifying nothing.”* Remember when Carl Sagan famously said, *“The Cosmos is all that is or was or ever will be”*? When I was a kid, during a difficult time in my mom’s life, she told me *“when you die, you die – you’re buried six feet under the ground and that’s all there is to it.”* Thoughts like the above influence the way a person lives.

Over the next few weeks I’d like to offer some reflections on a “Biblical World View” – how does the Bible make sense out of the world we live in and our place in it? Ludwig Wittgenstein was no friend of Evangelical theology, but in his *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus* he admitted that “the sense of the world must lie outside the world.” I would believe the sense of the world comes through the revelation of God’s Word. Any viable, ‘sensible’ world-view affirms our own understanding of reality.

Today, let me give you the ‘Big Picture.’

There are four basic concepts to a biblical way of looking at life. They can be summarized using four words: **Creation, Fall, Redemption and Consummation.** At the center of a Biblical World View is the person and work of Christ. He is referred to as the *logos* (the *Word* of God). In the Greek, the word for *logos* is where we get our English word, ‘logic’ from. Jesus is the ‘logic’ of God to help us make sense of the world in which we live.

CREATION:

The Bible teaches us that our Triune God – Father, Son and Spirit is the creator of our world and all those who live in space-time history. All of humanity becomes accountable to Him.

FALL:

The Bible teaches there is something inherently wrong with humanity...and *specifically* with you and me. To make this statement is simply to declare the obvious. We know that “all have sinned and come short of the glory of God.” Someone once said, “Some dial up the volume more than others, but we all play the same kind of music.”

REDEMPTION:

The plan of Redemption finds its origin in the eternal council of God; the Father elects, the Son redeems and the Spirit applies the saving work of Jesus enabling hearts to believe. We hear this each Christmas – “...unto you is born this day, in the City of David, a *Savior*, who is Christ the Lord.”

CONSUMMATION:

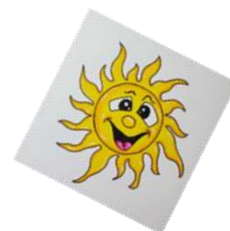
The clock is ticking. Human history is moving, ever so purposefully, to its appointed end. The end shall arrive with the 2nd Advent of the Lord Jesus, ushering in resurrection, judgement and the recreation of the heavens and earth. History is not cyclical, it’s headed for an appointed destiny.

We’ll take a closer look at each one in the coming weeks.





Songs of Summer!



Can you identify the song's title and singer(s)?

1. "It's summertime summertime sum sum summertime"

2. "School's Out for the Summer! School's Out Forever!" _____

3. "Whenever I'm with him, somethin' inside, starts to burning and I'm filled with desire. Could it be the devil in me or is it just the way it's supposed to be, it's like a _____"

4. "I wish they call could be _____ girls." _____

5. "Summertime, and the livin' is easy. Fish are jumpin' and the cotton is high. Oh, your daddy's rich, and your ma is good-lookin.' So hush, little baby don't you cry." _____

6. "Hot town, summer in the city, back of my neck gettin' dirty and gritty. Been down, isn't it a pity? Doesn't seem to be a shadow in the city. All around, people lookin' half dead, walkin' on the sidewalk, hotter than a match head..." _____

7. "Under the _____, down by the sea, yeah, on a blanket with my baby that's where I'll be..." _____

8. "The _____, came blowin' in from across the sea. It lingered there, to touch your hair and walk with me. All summer long, we sang a song, and then we strolled that golden sand. Two sweethearts, and the _____."

9. "Nibblin' on sponge cake, watchin' the sun bake. All of those tourists covered with oil. Strummin' my six-string on my front porch swing. Smell those shrimp, they're beginnin' to boil. Wastin' away again in _____"

10. "She was afraid to come out of the locker. She was as nervous as she could be. She was afraid to come out of the locker, she was afraid that somebody would see. Two, three, four, tell the people what she wore. It was an _____."

11. Roll out those _____ days of summer those days of soda and pretzels and beer. Roll out those _____ days of summer. Dust off the sun and moon and sing a song of cheer Just fill your basket full of sandwiches and weenies. Then lock the house up, now you're set. And on the beach you'll see the girls in their bikinis, as cute as ever but they never get 'em wet." _____

"Say not my soul, 'From whence can God relieve my care?'

Remember, Omnipotence has servants everywhere.

His method is sublime, His heart profoundly kind.

God never is before His time and never is behind."

Charles Haddon Spurgeon

1. Summertime / Jamies 2. School's Out for the Summer / Alice Cooper 3. Heat Wave / Martha and the Vandellas
 4. California / Beach Boys 5. Summertime / Ella Fitzgerald 6. Hot Town Summer in the City / Lovin' Spoonful
 7. Board Walk / Drivers 8. Summer Wind / Sinatra 9. Margaritaville / Buffet 10. Itsy, Bitsy... / Brian Hyland
 11. Lazy, Hazy, Crazy days of Summer / Nat King Cole